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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval to Upgrade Its Transmission
Lines from Shiloh Switching Station to Pisgah Tie
Docket No. 2010-253-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the above-referenced filing and has no objection to the request of Duke Energy Carolinas ("Duke Energy") for a finding by the Commission that the proposed upgrade to the 230 kV transmission facilities running from the Shiloh Switching Station in South Carolina to the Pisgah Tie in North Carolina constitutes replacement of an existing facility with a like facility and therefore, does not require a certificate under the Siting Act. ORS's review determined that the approximate eleven mile portion of this transmission facility proposed to be upgraded is located in Greenville County, South Carolina. This upgrade will not affect the rated voltage of the facility which will remain at 230 kV. Seven new towers will also be erected to provide for necessary clearance for the new line. In addition, there will be no further easement requirements and all upgrade activities will be made on existing right-of-way.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

John W. Flitter

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